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Sen. Jelinek reminds vacationers to donate blood

LANSING – Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, and the American Red Cross are urging people going on vacation this summer to donate blood before they go or while on vacation.

“Michigan’s blood supply diminishes in the summer as residents get busy and don’t donate regularly and as demand for blood increases with roadway and vacation-related accidents,” Jelinek said. “No matter where you vacation this summer, chances are there is a Red Cross blood drive nearby.”

Jelinek said the Red Cross sees no end to the prolonged blood shortage in Michigan’s hospitals and the adequate three-day supply can sometimes drop to only a few hours, especially around holiday weekends.

“I encourage everyone eligible to donate blood this summer and all-year round,” Jelinek said. “It only takes an hour and each donation can help save the lives of up to three people.”

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

To find a blood drive in Michigan call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

The American Red Cross will be holding Blood Drives this summer in the 21st Senate District at the following times and locations:

Berrien County

| Date | Time | Location |
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| July 1 | 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. | Lakeland Specialty Hospital 6418 Deans Hill Road, Berrien Center |
| July 6 | 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. | Whirlpool Edgewater Tech Center 303 Upton Drive, St. Joseph (more) |

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| July 21 | 1 to 6:45 p.m. | United Methodist Church 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville |
| July 30 | 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. | Lakeland Hospital 1234 Napier Ave., St. Joseph |
| Aug. 3 | Noon to 5:45 p.m. | St. Paul's Lutheran Church 2673 West John Beers Road, Stevensville |
| Aug. 10 | Noon to 5:45 p.m. | Lakeshore Christian 5565 Washington St., St. Joseph |

Van Buren County

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| July 19 | 1 to 6:45 p.m. | Evangelical Mennonite Church 425 Nursery St., Lawton |
| July 21 | Noon to 5:45 p.m. | Peace Evangelical Lutheran 6321 Blue Star Memorial Hwy., South Haven |

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